WHEREAS, Thirty-two years ago, on October 24, 1945, the United Nations came into being; and,

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations called for the annual observance of October 24th as United Nations Day, to be devoted by all Member Nations to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, The President of the United States each year officially proclaims October 24th as United Nations Day in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nations was created to maintain peace in the world, based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, and to raise the standard of living for all men and to inspire and guide the peoples of the world in the preservation and enhancement of the human environment—purposes which the United States of America wholeheartedly support; and,

WHEREAS, The ultimate success of the United Nations depends upon the support of an informed public which recognizes the achievements and benefits derived from our national participation in the United Nations and which understands both the problems and potentials of the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of this State, acknowledging that the highest ideals and aspirations of this country are closely allied to the hopes and aims of peoples everywhere, share the national commitment of the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 24, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to observe that day in the spirit of common purpose expressed in the United Nations Charter by participating in programs and activities designed to develop an understanding of the problems and potentials of the United Nations, and to stimulate discussions of ways to make the United Nations into a more effective organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA E. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE